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REMARKS

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1. Between 1 and 10 January 1953, the Artillery Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63), was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Ten soldiers equipped with telephone sets left the installation on 3 January. Trucks [redacted]

were observed leaving the installation and each of them was occupied by 25 soldiers with rifles. Groups of from 8 to 12 soldiers were instructed on four 76.2-mm AA guns on 4 January. Twelve additional guns were parked in the billeting area. Truck [redacted] occupied by 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles entered the Artillerie Kaserne. Forty soldiers equipped with carbines left the billeting area for firing practice on 5 January. Shortly afterwards, driving-school trucks [redacted]

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left the installation. Each truck was occupied by four to six soldiers. Forty unarmed soldiers were seen engaged in basic drill in the barracks yard. On 10 January, two groups of from 8 to 10 soldiers each were trained on two guns, while 45 soldiers were drilling with rifles in the barracks yard. [redacted]

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2. The Duelow Kaserne quartered about 600 troops wearing red-bordered, black epaulets, some with tank insignia. On 3 January 40 soldiers carrying carbines and practice hand grenades left the installation. About 50 unarmed soldiers were seen drilling while about 40 soldiers assembled in front of their quarters on 6 January. On 10 January, about 15 soldiers practiced with two 76.-2 mm AT guns, and about 30 troops were engaged in drill. Approximately 35 troops were doing calisthenics in the barracks yard. [redacted]

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3. Only a few soldiers, wearing crimson epaulets, were seen in the northeastern section of the Wiesehorn Kaserne. The southwestern section still quartered about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, about 50 percent of whom were recruits. On 3 January, four groups of 10 men each practiced the throwing of hand grenades. Three groups of from 30 to 50 soldiers each received infantry training in the barracks yard. Truck [redacted] drove into the billeting area, occupied by about 25 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Four groups of soldiers carrying field equipment, submachine

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guns, rifles, and light machine guns marched out of the installation on 8 January. In the afternoon of the same day about 150 troops were seen drilling in the barracks yard. On 10 January about 50 soldiers were seen at training in close combat while about 45 soldiers were trained with rifles. Truck [redacted] left the installation.

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4. The Hindenburg Kaserne quartered about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 3 January, five units, each of 50 to 60 unarmed troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, marched out of the installation. The T-34 tanks [redacted] left the billeting area. On 8 January, two T-34 tanks [redacted] were parked in front of the garages. Trucks [redacted] entered the Hindenburg Kaserne on 9 January. Each was occupied by about 20 officers. After about 10 minutes, the same trucks left the installation toward Rosengarten, followed by truck [redacted] which also carried about 20 officers. In the afternoon of 9 January, T-34 tanks [redacted] entered the installation.

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5. The Hofbauer Kaserne still quartered about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Officers of various branches of service were seen in the billeting area between 1 and 10 January. There was no training activity. Three or four trucks at a time were seen in front of the armory. They were being repaired. Truck [redacted] entered the Hofbauer Kaserne.

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6. The Horn Kaserne was still occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 3 January, about 20 soldiers were engaged in practice firing and 10 other soldiers practiced throwing hand grenades at the drill field near the barracks installation. Between 4 and 10 January, approximately 40 soldiers were seen drilling. Truck [redacted] left the installation on 10 January, occupied by about 20 soldiers. On the same day, JS tank [redacted] was seen towing SP gun [redacted] into the caserne. Truck [redacted] was parked in front of the installation.

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7. The Ziethen Kaserne still quartered about 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. On 3 January, about 15 soldiers were trained on a 57-mm AT gun, while two crews of 10 men each were trained on two AA guns of about 20-mm. About 20 soldiers were instructed on a 76.2-mm AA gun and about 40 soldiers were engaged in field training at the sports ground. On 6 January, about 200 troops drilled with rifles in the barracks yard. On 8 January, about 80 men were drilling in the barracks yard, while two groups, each of 8 to 10 soldiers, trained with two 57-mm AT guns near the installation. Truck [redacted] left the installation, followed by JS tank [redacted] Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen.

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8. No changes were observed at the Soviet komendatura.

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9. Until 20 January, no changes occurred at the Frankfurt/Oder Military post. Tanks were seen at the Hindenburg Kaserne and the Horn Kaserne.

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10. Until 8 January, no AA guns were seen emplaced in the city of Frankfurt/Oder, including the Oder River crossings.

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11. [redacted] all EM of the AAA unit in the Artillerie Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder were restricted to quarters. Officers were not permitted to leave the installation unless they had a special pass.

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